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SUBJECT: APRIL 19 EA PRESS SUMMARY

1. JAPAN

AT 4/18 TOKYO NEWS CONF, FRG DEP ECON MIN ROHNEDDER
CRITICIZED RECENT JAPANESE MOVES CURB EXPORTS, SAYING
JAPAN SHOULD BOOST IMPORTS IINSTEAD(REUTER TOKYO).

JOC'S WELS CITES WAVE OF OFFICIAL/UNOFFICIAL JAPANESE
DELEGATIONS WHICH HAS HIT WASHINGTON/NY IN ADVANCE
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FUKUDA VISIT. REPORTS GROUP SEEKING WAYS KEEP YEN
FROM APPRECIATING FURTHER, AND FOR 1ST TIME HAS FOUND
TREASURY SY;PATHETIC. FINDS GROWING RECOGNITION THAT
US ALSO AT FAULT FOR ITS LOSS OF MARKET SHARE IN JAPAN,
AND NOTES SOME OBSERVERS BELIEVE ,ERHAPS ONLY FISCAL
INCENTIVES WILL ENABLE US EXPORTERS REGAIN POSITION IN
JAPAN/ELSEUHERE.

REUTER'S FOLEY (TOKYO 4/18) REPORTS OUTCRY WHICH FOLLOWED KILLING OF OVER 1,000 DOLPHINS BY JAPANESE FISHERMEN NOW THREATENS BLOW INTO INTL INCIDENT BETW JAPAN/US. SAYS HIRC SUBCMTE PLANS HOLD PUBLIC HEARINGS ON DOLPHIN SLAUGHTER 4/24. IN RESPONSE, JAPANESE FISHING AGENCY

HAS PUBLICIZED FACT US FISHERMEN KILLED 69,000 DOLPHINS LAST YR WHILE JAPANESE KILLED ONLY 17,613.

2. KOREA

CHAPMAN (WP SEOUL) SAYS ALTHO ROKG HAS OFFICIALLY CLOSED BOOK ON BLUE HOUSE BUGGING ALLEGATIONS, SOME SKOREAN NEWSPAPERS/OPPOSITION NEW DEMOCRATIC PARTY LEADERS HAVE INSISTED INCIDENT SHOULDN'T BE CLOSED UNTIL MORE INFLUENTIAL AMERICAN--LIKE PRES CARTER--OFFERS EXPLANATION. OPPOSITION LEADER LEE SAID IN INTERVIEW HE TENDS BELIEVE FORMER AMB PORTER, ADDING AMB SNEIDER'S DENIAL OF BUGGING "WILL NEVER SATISFY THE KOREAN PEOPLE."

3. CHINA

EXPERTS ATTENDING UN-SPONSORED SEMINAR IN MANILA SAY PRC QUIETLY SEEKING WESTERN HELP/ADVICE FOR SURVEYING ITS PO-
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TENTIALLY HUGE RESOURCES BY REMOTE SENSING. SAID CHINA SENT SEVERAL PEOPLE TO US FOR TRAINING, AND UK EXPERT WILL VISIT PEKING NEXT WK FOR DISCUSSIONS ON USING SUCH SOPHISTICATED TECHNOLOGICAL SYSTEMS (REUTER MANILA).

USLO'S ADMIN/BUDGET/FISCAL/CONSULAR SECTIONS TO MOVE INTO OLD ROMANIAN EMB EARLY THIS SUMMER. USLO SPOKESMAN SAID US HAD LONG-STANDING REQUEST TO CHINESE FOR MORE SPACE (REUTER PEKING).

"PD" ITEM 4/19 COMPLAINED OF LACK IN COMMERICAL/SERVICE NETWORKS/CENTERS--LIKE BIKE REPAIR SHOPS--IN PRC. PAPER CALLED FOR UNIFIED PROGRAM TO IMPROVE SITUATION SOON AS POSSIBLE (REUTER PEKING).

SOMALIAN PRES BARRE RETURNS FROM PEKING AFTER WHAT HE CALLED FRUITFUL TALKS W/PRC LEADERS. TOLD REPORTERS AT AIRPO,T 4/19 HIS VISIT "CROWNED WITH SUCCESS" (REUTER MOGADISHU).

4. CHINA/VIETNAM

QUOTING "WELL-INFORMED SOURCES," SWEDISH TV REPORTED TUES NIGHT THAT TANK BATTLES HAVE TAKEN PLACE BETWN CHINA/VN, THAT FIGHTING CONTINUES ALONG THEIR BORDER, THAT DIPLOS IN HANOI AWARE OF FIGHTING. ACCORD AP (STOCKHOLM, SUN), THERE HAVE BEEN NO OTHER INDEPENDENT REPORTS OF SUCH BATTLES/NEITHER CHINA/VN HAS MADE ANY MENTION OF FIGHTING ON THEIR FRONTIER.

5. VIETNAM

ITALY'S STATE-OWNED OIL CO WINS OIL EXPLORATION RIGHTS FOR AREAS COVERING NEARLY 5,900 SQ MI OFF VIET COAST. AREA IS IN VICINITY WHERE SHELL OIL CO/MOBIL CORP/EXXON CORP HELD UNCLASSIFIED

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CONCESSIONS FROM SAIGON GOVT (WSJ; JOC SPEC ROME).

VIET EMB SOURCES IN PEKING WEDS SAID HO CHI MINH CITY CLOSED TO FON VISITORS SINCE 4/10, BUT GAVE NO REASON (REUTER PEKING).

6. INDOCHINA REFUGEES

BRINGING PROBLEM BOAT PEOPLE TO AFRICA FOR 1ST TIME, GREEK FREIGHTER CARRYING 51 VIET REFUGEES LEFT MOMBASA FOR S AFRICA TUES AFTER KENYA REFUSED LET THEM ASHORE, OFFICIAL KENYA NEWS AGENCY REPORTED. KENYAN GOVT HAD SAID IT WOULD PROVIDE 3 MOS REFUGE IF ANOTHER GOVT WOULD PROMISE TAKE REFUGEES, BUT REPORTS ATTRIBUTED AMEMB NAIROBI SAID USG COULD NOT GUARANTEE THEY WOULD BE ALLOWED INTO US WHERE THEY WANTED TO SETTLE (REUTER 4/18; NYT SPEC, BOTH NAIROBI).

UNHCR ANNOUNCED CAMPAIGN TUES TO RAISE 18,260,000 DOLS THIS YR TO PROVIDE BASIC NEEDS FOR 107,000 INDOCHINESE REFUGEES, MOSTLY IN THAILAND (NYT SPEC GENEVA 4/18).

7. INDONESIA

NYT'S KAMM REPORTS FROM JAKARTA THAT BECAUSE OF CONTINUING INSECURITY TIMOR REMAINS RESTRICTED AREA, THAT FOREIGNERS, PARTICULARLY JOURNALISTS, ARE BARRED/ONLY OCCASIONALLY FON DIGNITARIES TAKEN ON CAREFULLY GUIDED TOURS, "PRESUMABLY" IN EFFORT TO PROVE TO WORLD THAT INDO RULE TAKING HOLD. QUOTES FON SOURCES THAT PERHAPS AS MANY AS 20,000 TROOPS STILL OPERATING IN TIMOR AGAINST ABOUT 1,000 FRETILIN FIGHTERS IN MTS.

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8. MALAYSIA

ACCORD UPI (KL, JOC), MAJOR OIL COS WANT TO LAY UP THEIR SUPER TANKERS NEAR LABUAN FOR NEXT 5 YRS IN ANTICIPATION ANOTHER SLUMP IN OIL INDUSTRY. SAYS STOCKPILED OIL DURING GLUT CAN BE SOLD OFF LATER AT BETTER PRICE.

9. AUSTRALIA

COALITION AMERICAN WILDLIFE/CONSERVATION GROUPS HAS CRITICIZED GOA FOR ALLOWING CONTINUED SLAUGHTER KANGAROOS FOR COMMERCIAL PURPOSES/PLEADED TO US INTERIOR SECY TO RETAIN BAN ON IMPORTS KANGAROO PRODUCTS INTO US. ACCORD REUTER (CSM), AUSSIE EMB SPOKESMAN SAID INTENSITY OF GOA'S COMPLAINTS ABOUT KANGAROO ISSUE BUILDING UP, THAT US OFFICIALS "STALLING ON THIS WHOLE ISSUE." US OFFICIALS, HOWEVER, SAY IT UP TO AUSTRALIA PRODUCE DATA THAT SHOWS KANGAROOS DO NOT FIT CRITERIA TO PLACE THEM ON THREATENED LIST.

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

10. INDOCHINA REFUGEES

CHI TRIB EDIT SAYS US IS SHOWING COMPASSION--"BUT NOT NEARLY ENOUGH"--FOR INDOCHINESE REFUGEES, THAT NEW MEASURES APPROVED BY PRES CARTER INADEQUATE, THAT US CAN ACCOMMODATE FAR GREATER NUMBERS. CONTENTS US TAUGHT REFUGEES DURING WAR TO THINK IN TERMS OF DEMOCRACY/FREE ENTERPRISE/LIBERTY/DIGNITY, LEAVING THEM W/UNFULFILLED DREAMS UNDER REGIMES WHICH TOOK COMMAND OF THEIR LIVES. SAYS US HAS OBLIGATION TO REFUGEES "WHO CONVINCED THEMSELVES THAT OUR IDEALS ARE WORTH RISKING ALL FOR"/US SHOULD ACTIVELY PATROL SEAS TO RESCUE BOAT PEOPLE/ASSURE OTHER NATIONS THAT WE WILL PROVIDE FOR THOSE WHO REACH THEIR SHORES.

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11. VIETNAM

WP'S DICKEY DOES LONG PIECE ON UPCOMING ESPIONAGE TRIAL OF RONALD HUMPHREY/DAVID TROUNG AND HOW FBI "MAGIC DRAGON" COUNTERINTELLIGENCE INVESTIGATION OF TROUNG UNCOVERED "ONE OF THE WORST LEAKS IN STATE DEPARTMENT

HISTORY." GIVES BACKGROUND ON HOW FBI/DOJ/DOS COOPERATED
IN UNCOVERING CASE, NOTES PROBLEMS STILL COMPLICATING
CASE, SUCH AS DOS NEED TO NOTIFY NEARLY 20 COUNTRIES THAT
DOCS INVOLVED IN CASE--WHICH ALLEGEDLY COMPROMISE FON EMB
PERSONNEL IN HANOI--MAY BE MADE PUBLIC DURING TRIAL, AND

IN MOST CASES WERE KNOWINGLY HANDED OVER BY PLANTED FBI
SPY NAMED "KEYSEAT." CHRISTOPHER

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